(b) and (c) Government of Uttar Pradesh requested for inclusion of all the remaining 291 blocks of the State under EAS including all the blocks of Sabhal Parliamentary Constituency. All the remaining blocks in the country are proposed to be covered during 1997-98.

Processing of wastes

3959. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any units for collecting and processing wastes have been set up in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No units for collecting and processing wastes have been set up in Orissa by this Ministry and the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources.

(b) Does not arise.

Assured Water Supply

3960. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the name of the States where Centrally sponsored Assured Water Supply Schemes are being implemented;

(b) whether the said scheme is being implemented in Karnataka;

(c) if so, the total hectares of land brought under the Assured Water Supply Scheme so far; and

(d) the position of other States where this scheme is being implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) No such scheme is being implemented.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Health Hazards Process of Pepsi Bottles

3961. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the plastic pepsi bottles from the United States are being dumped in India where they are processed under unsafe conditions;

(b) whether such bottles are stockpiled in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to prevent the use of such bottles as they are posing health hazards for the workers engaged in the bottling and transport of cold drinks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) to (c) There are no restrictions for the import of PET bottles waste under the current. Export Policy as a scrap. The PET bottles when used for the packaging of food are required to conform to the standards laid down under the Prevention of Food Adultration Act. No manufacturer can undertake the bottling of soft drinks without conforming to the laid down hygenic conditions and without a licence under the Fruit Products Order 1955.

Gas to Fertilizer Plants

3962. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether working of several fertilizer plants along the HBJ pipeline has been paralysed following the reduced supply of gas resulting in a daily loss of production of more than $ 1.5 million;

(b) if so, the details of the plants affected and loss incurred with nature and magitude of the problem;

(c) the details of action taken proposed to be taken to resolve the problem and restore the normal gas supply; and

(d) the present status of the issue and permanent steps proposed to be taken to ensure adequate and regular supply of gas through HBJ pipeline to the fertilizer plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU) : (a) and (b) The supply of gas to the fertilizer plant and other consumers along the HBJ pipeline was affected due to the shutdown taken by ONGC for 23 days in January, 1997. The total supply ex-Hazira was reduced to 14-15 MMSCMD as against the normal supply of around 25 MMSCMD. The loss of production has been estimated to be 2.02 lakh tonnes.

(c) and (d) The pre-shutdown level of supplies has been restored. The supplies will further increase with additional development in Basse in and the commissioning of Tapti fields.

Assembly Resolution

3963. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hon'ble Minister of Tourism of Jammu and Kashmir disclosed at a press conference at Chandigarh that Kashmir propose to bring an official resolution in the coming session of the Assembly to

surrender POK area of Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) Government is aware of reports in this regard. The position of the Government is that the whole of the State of J&K, including the area under illegal occupation of Pakistan, and portions of the State illegally ceded by Pakistan, is an integral part of India.

Exploration of Oil

3964. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the areas have been demarked on different sedimentary basis for exploration of oil in Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the new areas have been demarked in different sedimentary basis during 1996-97; and

(c) if so, the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The new areas taken-up/planned for exploration during the year 1996-97 fall in Cambay, Cauvery, Krishna-Godavari, Upper Assam & Assam Arakan Fold Belt, Rajasthan, Vindhyan & Satpura, Ganga Valley and Himalayan Foot-hills basins in onland and in Eastern and Western offshore areas.

Power Policy

3965. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Power Cos. demand policy to tap indigenous sources" appearing in 'The Financial Express' dated February 15, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the context of paucity of resources in the State/Central Public Sector for capacity addition in power generation and distribution, a policy to encourage private investment in power sector was initiated in October, 1991 and is currently under implementation. The policy encourages participation of domestic as well as foreign promoters in the Indian Power Sector.

Funds for Potable Water

3966. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the funds allocated for supply of potable water to Delhi during the last three years; and

(b) the details thereof, till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) The Delhi Water Supply & Sewage Disposal Undertaking has reported that the following funds have been allocated for the supply of potable water to Delhi during the last three years :-

Year	Rs. (In Lakhs)
1994-95	10,265
1995-96	8,869
1996-97	12,407

Bore Wells

3967. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any provision of funding for deep bore well has been made for the farmers in the drought prone area of the country;

(b) if so, the names of districts which have so far been covered under the schemes during Eighth Five Year Plan, state-wise; and

(c) the details of programmes in this regard to the State of Orissa particularly for Kalahandi district ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) No, Sir. There is no specific scheme for funding of deep borewells for the farmers in the drought prone areas of the country. However, this Ministry has made provision for funding of borewells and tubewells under the Centrally Sponsored sub-scheme under IRDP, namely 'Ganga Kalyan Yojana' which has been recently launched in all districts of the country w.e.f. 1.2.1997. However, the States have been given the freedom to select the areas/districts depending upon the ground water potential to implement this